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COMPRISING THE

Rite of Initiation,

FORM OF

OPENING AND CLOSING SELECT COUNCILS,

ORDER OF BUSINESS,

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION AND BURIAL SERVICE,

OF THE ORDER OF

ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE.

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

[Seven members, five of whom must be Active members, being present, the S. C. takes the chair, and calls to order.]

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S. C.—Officers and Members: I am about to open this Council for the despatch of business, and will thank you for your attention and assistance. Bro. Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Your first duty in this Council?

H.—To see the Council properly guarded.

S. C.—You will station the Sentinel on duty, directing him to preserve order in our courts.

[The Herald retires with the Sentinel, instructs him in his duties. After entering, gives the signal, to which the Sentinel responds, when the Herald reports:]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—That duty is performed.

S. C.—Your next duty in this Council?

H.—To see that all present are qualified to remain.

S. C.—You will attend to that duty.

[The Herald commences at the right and the Deputy Herald at the left of the Select Councilor and examines those present in password, grip and token. Should visitors fail to prove themselves Royal Templars, they will retire to the court, and await examination by a committee. Members reported without the token will square their account at the Treasurer's desk and obtain it from the S. C. The Herald and Deputy Herald will meet in front of the Vice Councilor's chair, and together they will approach the altar and the Herald will report :]

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—All present are Royal Templars.

S. C.—It is well. We will now be clothed with regalia, and the officers will assume their respective positions, [after which] Are the officers on duty?

[The Herald reports the absent officers (if any,) commencing with the highest, and when all are filled, reports :]

H.—They are, Select Councilor.

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: It is my duty to preside in this Council, to conduct all business

coming before it to a proper termination, to see the rules of order enforced, and to do all in my power to advance the interests of this Council and the cause of Temperance, which duties I shall endeavor to perform with diligence. I trust, therefore, that the officers will be prompt in the discharge of their duties, and that the members will be obedient to the just requirements of the officers and Council. Let harmony prevail in our midst; let tolerance prevade our discussions, and let it be remembered that in union alone there is strength.

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S. C.—Please sing our

OPENING ODE.

Coronation.

This day let songs of joy arise
Throughout our favored land,
From all the true and honest hearts
That form our noble band.

Our banners are unfurled to day,
Our motto all may see—
Hope, Love and Truth are now combined
With Faith and Charity.

OR THIS.

Auld Lang Syne.

O God! we lift our hearts to Thee,
And grateful voices raise;
We thank Thee for this festive night,—
Accept our humble praise.

Here may our souls delight to bless
The God of truth and grace,
Who crowns our labors with success
Among the rising race.

May each unholy passion cease,
Each evil thought be crushed,
Each anxious care that mars our peace
In Hope and Love be hushed.
Oh! may we all in Truth abound,
And Charity pursue;
Thus shall we be with glory crowned,
And love as angels do.

S. C.--You will now give attention to the services of our Chaplain.

OPENING PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, we humbly implore Thy favor to rest upon the deliberations of this meeting. We are conscious of our many imperfections, and that all the good we do, and the evil we overcome, can alone be effected through the aid of Thy Almighty Power.

Help us to be the instruments of Righteousness and Truth, and grant that the cause of Temperance and the interests of suffering humanity may be advanced in our land. Bless the unfortunate; have mercy upon the erring; turn the hearts of evil-doers, and make us all more sensible of our dependence upon Thee. Be with us in all the duties of life, and prosper us in all righteous undertakings; hasten the day when the fatal scourge of Intemperance shall be driven from

the land, and when we are done serving Thy righteous will on earth, may we be received into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We ask it in the name of Thy dear Son. Amen.

S. C.—Officers and members: You will come to order as Royal Templars. Attend the signs. Vice Councilor:

V. C.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Are you a Royal Templar?

V. C.—I am.

S. C.—How do you prove yourself?

V. C.—By salutations [*salutes, members follow*] and signs of distress [*gives the distress sign, members give the same in concert.*]

S. C.—And by proper signals [*gives the signal, which is responded to by V. C., Guard and Sent.*]

Herald, you will attend at the altar.

[The Herald advances to the altar, opens and arranges the Bible and retires to his place.]

I now declare this Council open for the transaction of business.

The Guard will please notify the Sentinel.

[The Guard gives the proper signal, and informs the Sentinel that the Council is open, requesting any who may be in waiting to enter.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
[Admit no one during the reading of the minutes.]
2. Reports on petitions.
3. Balloting for membership.
[The Select Councilor shall take the petition and say:]

S. C.—Brothers and Sisters: We are about to ballot on the application of - - - - - for membership in this Council. The committee have reported favorable [or unfavorable]. The Medical Examiner's report is also favorable [or unfavorable]. Bro. Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will prepare and present the ballot-box.

[The Herald gets the box and sets it on the pedestal of the Select Councilor who examines it, and selecting a ball, says:]

S. C.—White balls elect, black balls reject, be careful and make no mistakes.

[Select Councilor deposits his ballot; the Herald takes the box and passes it to each of the officers who deposit their ballots, he then sets it on the altar, casts his ballot, and steps aside.]

S. C.—The members will now ballot, commencing on my right.

[When all have voted who wish:]

S. C.—Have all balloted who wish? If so, the ballot is closed.

[The Herald closes the box, takes it from the altar and presents it to the Vice Councilor, who examines and closes it; the Herald takes the box and sets it on the altar.]

S. C.—Bro. Vice Councilor:

V. C.—Select Councilor·

S. C.—How stands the ballot?

V. C.—Clear [or not clear, there being two or more adverse ballots] Select Councilor.

[The Herald takes the box from the altar and presents it to the Select Councilor who examines it.]

S. C.—I so find it, and therefore declare the applicant duly elected to [or rejected from] membership in this Council.

[In case of rejection a second ballot must be had before the declaration is made. The Select Councilor then changes ballots in the box.]

S. C.—Bro. Herald:

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will retire and ascertain if any person seeks admission to membership in this Council.

[Herald salutes and retires. Upon re-entering, salutes and reports:

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—I find [*giving names*] without, awaiting the pleasure of this Council.

S. C.—Bro. Recording Secretary:

Sec.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—You have heard the report of the Herald. *Have* the *persons* named been regularly elected to membership in this Council?

Sec.—They have.

S. C.—What is the pleasure of this Council? Shall we proceed with the initiation? [*If no one objects.*] There being no objections, I shall so proceed.

[Should objections be raised the matter must be decided by vote of the Council. Should the majority vote in favor of proceeding, the Select Councilor shall so proceed.]

INITIATION.

4. Initiation [page 13].
5. Recess.

[*After Recess.*]

S. C.—Herald: Are all present Royal Templars?

[Herald satisfies himself that no intruders are present, and reports:]

H.—They are, Select Councilor.

S. C.—We will now resume our labors..

6. Reception of Petitions.
7. Reception of Communications.
8. Reports of Sickness.
9. Reports of Board of Relief.
10. Reports of Trustees.
11. Reports of Officers (quarterly).
12. Reports of Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Presentation of Bills and Accounts.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business.
17. Exercises for the good of the Order.
18. Announcements for next meeting.
19. Receipts of the evening.
20. Closing.

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

S. C.—Vice Councilor: The hour for adjournment has arrived. The members will listen to your parting advice.

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V. C.—Officers and members: We are again to mingle in the pursuits and temptations of life. Amid its perplexities and trials, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently and forcibly recommended in this Council. Around this altar have been rendered our sacred promises to abstain from the use of all that can intoxicate, and to prevent by all just means in our power, the growth of intemperance. Remember

your obligations; be diligent in your respective callings, consistent in all your dealings, and exhibit by your faithfulness and integrity that the labors of our Council have not been in vain.

S. C.—Please sing our closing ode.

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE: *Auld Lang Syne. C. M.*

Now we must close our labors here,
Though sad it is to part,
May Hope, and Love, and Truth sincere
Unite each member's heart.
Now to our homes we'll haste away,
Each filled with peace and light,
And may our hearts in kindness say,
Dear friends a kind good night.

Or *Nashville, 7s.*

Softly now the light of day
Fades upon our sight away,
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, we would commune with Thee.
Soon for us the light of day
Shall forever pass away,
Then from care, from sorrow free,
Take us Lord, to dwell with Thee.

S. C.—You will give attention to the closing prayer by our Chaplain.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Gracious and most merciful God, we thank Thee for the privilege of the present meeting, and for whatever good we may have been enabled to accomplish. Assist us with Thy Holy Spirit; impart to our feebleness strength, to our counsels wisdom, and to our efforts patience and

forbearance. Bless our Order and every instrumentality whereby men are made better and Thy kingdom extended. As we are now about to separate, go with and guide us. Receive us at last, and to Thy Name will we ascribe the glory. Amen.

S. C.—Come to order as Royal Templars; attend the signs [*after which the closing signals are given same as at opening*].

S. C.—Herald, you will attend at the altar.

[The Herald closes the Bible on the altar and resumes his proper place.]

S. C.—I now declare this Council closed until our next regular meeting, unless sooner convend for the transaction of important business, in which case all members will receive due and timely notice.

RITE OF INITIATION.

S. C.—Bro. Herald:

H. - Select Councilor.

S. C.—You will repair to the court accompanied by the Financial Secretary and Deputy Herald, when, if the questions are properly answered, the Financial Secretary will collect the fee and report.

[The Herald, Financial Secretary and Deputy Herald retire.]

IN THE COURT.

H. (*to candidate*)—Do you believe in the existence and power of a Supreme Being?

Can.—I do.

H.—Do you come to us uninfluenced by improper motives, having formed a favorable opinion of the objects of this Order?

Can.—I do.

H.—You will be required to sign a Pledge of Total Abstinence, and to obligate yourself to labor for the promotion of the cause of Temperance. Are you willing to do so?

Can.—I am.

H.—It is with pleasure that we receive this acknowledgement of your sincerity. Our Council, believing your petition, was presented in good faith, have elected you to membership among us. This you will esteem a great favor. As a further token of your sincerity, the Financial Secretary will receive your initiation fee.

[The fee paid, the Financial Secretary and Herald re-enter the Council, leaving the candidates in charge of the Deputy Herald, who will advance with them to the door and there await further orders. The Herald stops just within the inner door. The Financial Secretary advances to the altar and, under the proper sign, reports.]

Fin. Sec.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Financial Secretary.

Fin. Sec.—The fees are paid.

[The Herald at the inner door reports.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—All things are now ready.

S. C.—Let silence reign in our Council.

[Gives one sharp rap with his gavel.]

D. H.—(*In court, hearing the gavel, says:*) Follow me and fear no evil.

[The Deputy Herald gives one loud rap on the outside of the inner door, which is answered by the Herald in like manner.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—There is an alarm at the door.

S. C.—Who dares intrude?

H.—I will ascertain and report.

[The Herald opens *wide* the door and asks:]

H.—Who seeks admission to our Council of Temperance?

D. H.—Friends: who desire to be admitted in due and regular form.

H.—By what right do *they* expect these favors?

D. H.—By having complied with our established usages.

H.—Have *they* passed a careful medical examination?

D. H.—They have.

H.—Do *they* come well recommended?

D. H.—They do.

H.—Are *they* willing to take at our altar, vows of Total Abstinence from all that can intoxicate?

D. H.—They are.

H.—In whom is *their* trust?

D. H.—In God.

H.—Such being the case, *they* will wait until the Select Councilor has been informed of their request.

[The Herald closes the door, advances to the altar, salutes and reports.]

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—There are *friends* without, who, having regularly presented *their* petitions, been balloted for and elected to membership in this Council, now desire to be admitted in due and regular form.

S. C.—By what right do *they* expect these favors?

H.—By having complied with our established usages, being tried and true, and willing to take at our altar vows of Total Abstinence.

S. C.—In whom is *their* trust?

H.—In God, who is the Supreme Ruler of all things.

S. C.—Bid *them* come.

[The Herald retires to the inner door which he opens, and says:]

H.—Come to our Temple of Safety.

[After they have entered the room the Select Councilor calls up the Council.]

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[The Herald, with the Candidates, followed by the Deputy Herald, march once slowly around the room—always keeping the altar to the left hand, and marching well up, and turning the corners *square*. While passing around the following will be repeated:]

Chap.—"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?"

Mem. Resp.—"They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Chap.—"Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Mem. Resp.—"Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye nor your sons, forever."

[The Herald is to take the same time in going around the room as is occupied in the foregoing exercise, and when he reaches the proper position in front of the Vice Councilor, facing the altar, a sharp blow from the gavel brings them to a halt, and at the same time seats the members.]

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S. C.—My *friends:* it is with pleasure that we welcome you among us, but before we can proceed with your initiation it becomes my duty to inform you of the nature of the work we expect you to do. You are now upon the threshold of this Royal Temple of Temperance; you have come to us well recommended. It will henceforth become your duty to lift up the fallen, strengthen the weak, encourage the desponding, visit the sick and afflicted, especially those who

are the victims of intemperance. To save and reform the wicked and the outcast, is a nobler object than to hate, despise or punish them. You will be required to labor for the advancement of the cause of Temperance, morally, socially and religiously, as far as lies in your power. Therefore, if you have been induced from mere idle curiosity to present your *names* here, be at once undeceived. We have no idlers here; all these you see around you are earnest workers, each performing their respective duties, with a view to the welfare and perpetuity of this Council and the cause of Temperance. Do you desire to aid us in this noble work?

Can.—I do.

S. C.—Herald: Present our *friends* to the Vice Councilor for further instructions.

[Herald and candidates proceed to the Vice Councilor's chair.]

H.—Vice Councilor: I present to you our *friends*, who are desirous of learning more of the principles of our Order.

V. C.—My *friends:* you have heretofore signified your willingness to sign our pledge of Total Abstinence. It now becomes my duty to repeat to you that pledge so that you may not be ignorant of its requirements:

"I promise I will not make, buy, sell, use or give to others, as a beverege, any spirituous, fermented or distilled liquors, wines or cider; nor frequent places where such liquors are kept for sale; but will discountenance their manufacture, use and sale in the community, in all proper and lawful ways."

Are you willing to sign this pledge?

Can.—I am.

V. C.—Then, in the presence of the members of this Order here assembled, you solemnly assume the foregoing Pledge, in witness whereof you affix your name to this book.

[Presents the candidates with a book containing the Pledge, while signing the following ode to be sung.]

TUNE—"*Coronation.*" *C. M.*

We'll neither buy, nor take, nor give
The drunkard's drink at all;
We will not keep it where we live,
In cottage or in hall.

We will not make a single drop
Of Cider, Wine and Ale;
And break the drinking customs up
Where e'er our powers prevail.

You have now signed our pledge; but before you can enter into full membership with us it will be necessary for you to take upon *yourselves* a solemn and binding obligation to remain true

to the principles and teachings of this Order, one which we have all taken, and of which no one need feel ashamed. This obligation is founded in right; it is as permanent as your intelligence, and its claims run parallel with your whole being. If you are true to your integrity, faithful to your conscience, and not regardless of your honor, this obligation will abide with you during your mortal career, and be cherished by you as a sacred promise, dear as your character itself. Are you willing to assume this obligation?

Can.—I am.

[Should any refuse they must leave the room, as their initiation could not be proceeded with.]

V. C.—Herald: Conduct our friends to the altar for obligation.

[Herald conducts the candidates once slowly around the room, stopping below the altar, facing the S. C.]

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[The V. C. takes his position just behind the candidates, the P. C. and Chap. take positions at the side of the altar nearest their stations in the Council, the members form in straight lines on each side and across the lower end of the Hall, thus forming an open hollow square; all members (unless previously excused) MUST take their place in the line; when thus formed, the Herald and Deputy will leave their positions by the side of the candidates, and march to the platform of the Select Councilor face about, the S. C. will leave his station, and take position between the Herald and Deputy, when they will march to the altar, after which sing the following:]

ODE.

TUNE—"*Pleyel's Hymn.*" 7*s*.

God of mercy, be Thou near
While the vows are spoken here;
Shield, protect and safely guide
From temptations that betide;
Man may strive, but Thou alone
Must the final conquest crown.

S. C.—You will assume this attitude and assent to the obligation of a Royal Templar.

[Members assume the same attitude. The Herald and Deputy cross their staff over the Select Councilor's head.]

OBLIGATION.

You, of your own free will and accord, in the presence of these witnesses, do solemnly promise that you will NEVER reveal any of the private work, ceremonies or business of this Council to any person not entitled to know the same; that you will not communicate any password, test, sign, signal, grip or token to any person except it be in the discharge of your official duties, within the body of a legally constituted Council; that you will abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and usages of this Council and those of the Grand and Supreme Councils. You also promise that should any books, papers or other property belonging to this Council be placed in your hands, you will keep, preserve and protect

the same, delivering them up when legally called upon so to do. You also promise that you will not knowingly present the petition of an improper person for membership in this Council; that you will not wrong a member, or see one wronged, if in your power to prevent it; that you will assist any worthy member who is sick or in distress; that you will use your moral, social and religious influence for the promotion of the cause of Temperance, the suppression of the rum traffic and the elevation of our race, and that you will not cease to labor (God giving you strength) while life shall last, or until the demon of intemperance is driven from our land. To all of which you *each* pledge your sacred *honors*. If so, answer, "I do thus promise."

Can.—I do thus promise.

Mem.—We bear witness.

S. C.—Let us all kneel, while the Chaplain implores the Divine favor to rest upon us.

INITIATORY PRAYER.

Almighty God: King and Ruler of the Universe, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid, bless, we beseech Thee, the promises that have just been rendered in Thy

presence. Grant that *these* our *friends* may be filled with Thy Divine Spirit, that *they* may have Grace to perform all those things which may be acceptable in Thy sight, and to avoid all those errors that may be displeasing to Thee. Teach us all to reverance Thy will and to place our dependence on Thee. Bless us in the addition which has been made to our Council this night, and may we all become living stones, fitted for Thy great temple in Heaven; assist us to be useful while we live, and finally receive us into Thy Holy Kingdom; which favors we ask for the sake of Thy dear Son. Amen.

S. C.—My *friends:* This solemn form of initiation is designed to impress your mind with the importance of the great work in which we are engaged. These ceremonies are not wholly meaningless. You were at first required to acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being, which had you denied, you never could have gained admission to a Council of this Order. You were then required to contribute to the general fund, which is necessary for the support of the Council and for carrying on this work. You were then admitted to the Council Chamber, where, after listening to an appropriate lecture,

you signed our Pledge of Total Abstinence. Had you desired to have withdrawn at that stage of your initiation, you could have done so: we should have interposed no hinderance; you would then have been pledged to total abstinence; but you desired to advance still further, and voluntarily assumed the solemn and binding obligations of a Royal Templar of Temperance. It now becomes a duty as well as a pleasure for me to further instruct you in the principles of this Order. We have signals, pass-words, tokens, signs and words of distress, and a sacred word, which I will now give. [*Here gives a complete exemplification of the unwritten work.*] These signs and words you will become familiar with, in your attendance upon the meetings of this Council. Use them prudently, for they are safeguards against intrusion and imposition.

[The Select Councilor is escorted to his station by the Herald and Deputy, who then return and resume their positions by the side of the candidates, after which the Select Councilor seats the members.]

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S. C.—You will now accompany the Herald, and prove yourselves Royal Templars.

[The Herald, Deputy Herald and candidates pass around to the chair of the Chaplain.]

Chap.—Who approaches?

H.—Friends.

Chap.—How shall I know them to be such?

H.—By the signal and the word.

Chap.—Give me the signal. [*Herald and candidates give it.*] Give me the word. [*Herald and candidates give it.*] Welcome, [*Takes candidate by the hand.*] thrice welcome, on your way. You have proved yourselves thus far. Allow me to congratulate you on your advancement. The official emblem of this office is the Bible. It should remind you of one of the cardinal principles of all good institutions, a foundation stone in this "Royal Temple," namely, Truth. Truth is a Divine attribute; to be good and true is one of the lessons taught in this Council. Therefore be ye true to this cause of your espousal. Remember that the all-seeing eye of God is ever upon us, and that he will reward our efforts to advance this noble work. Pass on.

[Herald and candidates advance to the V. C.'s chair, who examines them in the working and distress signs.]

V. C.—Who passes?

H—Our new made members.

V. C.—How shall I know them to be such?

H.—By working and distress signs.

V. C.—Give me the sign. [*Herald and candidates give it.*] Give me the distress sign. [*Herald and candidates give it.*] You have proved yourselves worthy of our confidence. The official emblem of this office is the Anchor, significant of Hope. Total Abstinence is the rock we have placed in the great sea of intemperance, and upon this rock are founded our hopes. Let us there firmly place ourselves, our families, our common brotherhood; and though the rains descend and the floods come, it will, with the blessings of God, remain immovable and unshaken. Pass on.

[Herald and candidates proceed to the P. C.'s Chair.]

P. C.—Halt! Whither goest thou?

H.—To our Royal Temple of Temperance.

P. C.—Are you a Royal Templar of Temperance. [*Continues the examination.*] You have thus far proved yourselves Royal Templars, but one test further is required to satisfy me. Have you the grip?

H.—*They* have it not, but the Select Councilor has it for them.

P. C.—Let me remind you of that free, open-

handed charity which should distinguish you from the rest of mankind. Love to God is the great lesson taught by this Order; it should be first in our thoughts, and supreme in all our actions; and next to this, love to our neighbor should engage our most earnest attention. Remember that God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Therefore love ye one another, for love is the fulfilling of the law. You will now accompany our Herald to the desk of the Secretary, sign our Constitution, and from thence to the Select Councilor for the closing lecture.

[While the Constitution is being signed sing the following:]

ODE.

TUNE—"*Hebron.*" *L. M.*

Now bound by Honor's sacred laws,
Oh, shrink not from thy chosen part:
Keep pure and undefiled the cause
Forever nearest to thy heart.

Heed not the shafts of error cast,
The foul or hissing bolts of scorn;
For with the right shall dwell at last
The victory of endurance born.

H.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—Our *friends* having complied with all that our laws demand, having passed a careful exam-

ination by the proper officers, now come to you for the closing lecture.

S. C.—My *friends:* You have now entered upon a great and important work. Let me remind you of the three great duties of life, which you are strictly to observe and inculcate—your duty to God, your neighbor and yourself. To God by never mentioning His name but with reverential awe, imploring his aid in all laudible undertakings, and esteeming His favor as your chief good. Ever remember that obedience to His laws is of first and paramount importance. The duty you owe to God is imperative, and must be performed. Your duty to your neighbor requires you to observe the "Royal Law," "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." Upon this law was erected and now securely rests this Royal Temple of Temperance. Ever have before you the example of the Good Samaritan, who forgot not his brother by the wayside, but who had compassion upon his sufferings and alleviated his distresses. Your sympathies should not be confined to the relief of individual cases of want and misery, but they should be touched whenever and wherever the wail of sorrow is heard;

where humanity suffers or death claims a victim, be it yours to comfort and help. The duty you owe to yourself is just as imperative; you must avoid the company of those who are intemperate, vicious or immoral, and take care of the body for it is the casket of the soul. The color which you are entitled to wear in this Council is white—emblem of purity—and its language is faith in God, who is the fountain of all truth, and who from the realms of light will smile upon our labors, and crown our efforts with success. [*Clothes the candidate with regalia.*] Wherever this color meets the eye, be reminded of your vows, and remember all your covenants and responsibilities.

I present you a copy of our Constitution, which you are to study carefully so as not to be ignorant of its requirements. I now welcome you to full membership in - - - - - - - - - Council, No. - - , with the true fraternal grip of a Royal Templar. [*Gives the quarterly token.*] Let your daily work be a daily sacrament, and life itself a psalm of gratitude and a prayer of aspiration.

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[Candidates face the Council.]

Brothers and Sisters: You will extend to

these new associates your fellowship and regard. Unite with them in advancing the cause of Temperance, in enlarging the sphere of human charity, and in a firm and implicit reliance upon infinite power and infinite mercy. You now have the liberty of the floor.

[The members march around the room each shaking hands with the new made member.]

INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

[The hour for installation having come, the Select Councilor makes the announcement as follows:]

S. C.—Brothers and sisters: The next order of business is the installation of officers. Bro. Past Councilor, A. B., you will act as Grand Councilor, and with your associates have permission to retire to the court of the Council.

[The Bro. chosen to act as Grand Councilor will, with his associates, retire to the court where they will prepare themselves by being clothed in appropriate regalia or jewels, wearing white gloves. The Grand Herald will form them in regular order with the highest officers in the rear rank as follows: First, G. H. as Marshal and G. S. Second, G. G. and G. T. Third, G. F. S. and G. R. S. Fourth, G. Chap. and P. G. C. Fifth, G. V. C. and G. C. When thus formed they will march to the door and the G. H. will announce his presence by two loud raps.]

G.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Guard.

G.—There is an alarm at the door.

S. C.—You will attend to it.

[Guard lifts the wicket and asks:]

G.—Who seeks admission?

G. H.—The Grand Council of Royal Templars of Temperance of the - - - - - - - of - - - - - - - - - demands admission.

[Closes the wicket.]

G.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Bro. Guard.

G.—The Grand Council of Royal Templars of Temperance of the - - - - - - - of - - - - - - - - demands admission.

S. C.—Admit them.

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[The Guard opens wide the door; the Grand Council enters the room, march to the altar and wheel right and left across the hall, thus bringing the Grand Councilor to the altar; while the Grand Council is marching to the altar the Select Councilor will call up the Council. When in line the Select Councilor and members will salute the Grand Council with the usual salutations, to which the Grand Council will respond.]

G. C.—Select Councilor:

S. C.—Grand Councilor.

G. C.—We are here for the purpose of installing the officers of this Council. Are you ready for our services?

S. C.—We are.

G. C.—You will direct the officers of this Council to surrender to the officers of the Grand Council their respective chairs and official emblems.

S. C.—The officers of this Council will surrender their chairs, jewels, and other property of the Council, to the officers of the Grand Council. The Herald will conduct the officers of the Grand Council to their respective chairs.

[The Herald conducts the Grand Officers to their respective chairs, commencing with the lowest. As the Grand Councilor advances to the chair, the S. C. disrobes himself of regalia, which, together with the gavel, he presents to the G. C.]

I now surrender to your hands the gavel and official emblems of this Council, together with all books, papers, and other property pertaining to my office, with the hope that my successor will enjoy the esteem, confidence, and support of all the members of this Council.

G. C.—Select Councilor: I receive at your hands the official emblems of your office, and trust that you will be amply rewarded for the very efficient manner in which you have presided over the deliberations of this Council. Have the officers elect of this Council been chosen in accordance with our established rules and usages?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the returns been made, and an order on your Treasurer been drawn for the amount due the Grand Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—Have the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's bonds been duly executed and approved by the Council?

S. C.—They have.

G. C.—It is well. The Grand Secretary will announce the names of the officers elect, and the Grand Herald will present them at the altar.

[After which.]

Brothers and Sisters: Behold the officers elect of this Council: are they your choice, and are you willing to give them your hearty support and encouragement as officers of this Council?

Mem.—We are.

G. C.—Officers elect: You have been chosen from among your associates to positions of honor and trust. Will you accept the positions and discharge their duties to the best of your several abilities?

Officers.—We will.

G. C.—Grand Herald: You will conduct the officers elect to the court of this Council, and there prepare them for installation.

[The G. H. conducts the officers elect to the court, clothes them in their official regalia, wearing white gloves, and forms them in the following order by twos: 1st, G. H.; 2d, Sent. and Guard; 3d, Herald and Treasurer; 4th, Fin. Sec. and Rec. Sec.; 5th, Chap. and Past Councilor; 6th, Vice-Councilor and Select Councilor. As they advance the G. Sent. gives the alarm (one rap).]

G. G.—Grand Councilor: There is an alarm.

G. C.—Who seeks admission?

[Guard lifts the wicket and reports.]

G. G.—The Grand Herald and officers elect of this Council.

G. C.—Bid them enter.

[As the door is opened the members are called up.]

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[As they enter the room they march to the altar, part right and left, forming a line across the hall, and come to order as Royal Templars.]

G. C.—Welcome, thrice welcome, to positions of honor and trust. You will now assume the appropriate attitude, and repeat the following

OBLIGATION.

I [*name*], of my own free will and accord, do solemnly promise upon my sacred honor that I will discharge, to the best of my

ability, the duties of the office to which I have been elected in strict conformity with our Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Usages.

Mem. Resp.—And we are witnesses.

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G. C.—The Sentinel's place in this Council?

G. H.—Just without the inner door.

G. C.—His duty there?

G. H.—To maintain order in its courts; to keep off all intruders; to see that all who seek admission are properly qualified to enter, that the peace and harmony of this Council may not be disturbed.

G. C.—You will conduct the Sentinel to his post. He will relieve the Grand Sentinel, and immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

G. C.—The Guard's place in this Council?

G. H.—At the inner door.

G. C.—His duty there?

G. H.—To answer and report all alarms properly made at the door, allowing none to enter or retire without the permission of the Select Councilor.

G. C.—You will conduct the Guard to his place. He will relieve the Grand Guard, and immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

G. C.—The Herald's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your right, in front of the Secretary.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To see that all who enter here are qualified to remain; to receive and conduct candidates at their initiation; examine and introduce visiting members, and obey your commands.

G. C.—You will conduct the Herald to his place, and install him in his office.

G. H.—Brother Herald: I now surrender to you this staff of office. You will bear it upon all occasions. Remember the sacred import of the emblem it bears. Be faithful in the discharge of your official duties; and may prosperity attend your efforts.

G. C.—The Treasurer's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your right.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To safely keep all money or money orders belonging to this Council, and to keep a just and true account between the Council and himself.

G. C.—You will conduct him to his place, and the Grand Treasurer will install him in his office.

G. H.—Grand Treasurer: By direction of our Grand Councilor I present the Treasurer elect for installation.

G. T.—Brother (*Name*): You have been elected Treasurer of this Council, and will now enter upon your duties. I surrender to your safe-keeping the money, order books and papers pertaining to your office which I have received in trust from the Treasurer. It is your duty to receive and safely keep all moneys belonging to this Council, keeping just and regular accounts of the same, and pay them out only upon the order of the Select Councilor and by consent of this Council. Be faithful in the discharge of your duties, and a good conscience will be your reward.

G. C.—The Financial Secretary's place?

G. H.—At your right, beside the Treasurer.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To collect all moneys due the Council, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

G. C.—You will conduct him to his place, and the Grand Financial Secretary will install him in office.

G. H.—Grand Financial Secretary: By direction of the Grand Councilor I present the Financial Secretary elect for installation.

G. F. S.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the important position of Financial Secretary of this Council. Your duties require you to collect all moneys for initiation fees, dues, fines and assessments due the Council, and to pay the same to the Treasurer at the close of each meeting, taking his receipt for the same. You are also to keep an accurate account between the Council and yourself, and between the Council and its members.

Be faithful in the discharge of this important trust, as upon your care and accuracy much of the success of the Council depends. The Council looks to you to guard well its financial inter-

ests. See to it that it sustains no loss. I surrender to you the books and papers pertaining to your office, and you will immediately enter upon the discharge of its duties.

G. C.—The Recording Secretary's place in this Council?

G. H.—At your left.

G. C.—His duties there?

G. H.—To keep true and correct record of the proceedings of this Council.

G. C.—You will conduct him to his place, and the Grand Secretary will install him in his office.

G. H.—Grand Secretary: By direction of our Grand Councilor I present the Secretary elect of this Council for installation.

G. S.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the office of Recording Secretary of this Council. It is your duty to carefully observe the proceedings of this Council, to keep an accurate minute of all its doings, entering them in the record book. Your good inclination to the cause of Temperance and the interests of this Council will, I hope, induce you to dis-

charge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and confidence of the members. I surrender to you the books and papers pertaining to your office, and you will immediately enter upon the discharge of your duties.

G. C.—The Chaplain's place?

H.—At your right, facing the altar.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To conduct the devotional exercises of this Council.

G. C.—You will present him to the Grand Chaplain for installation.

H.—By direction of the Grand Councilor, I present our Chaplain for installation.

G. Chap.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected Chaplain of this Council. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to an Infinite Creator, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is to "point to Heaven and lead the way," may, by refining our souls, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose

happiness will be as endless as it is perfect. You will now be seated at my right.

G. C.—The Past Councilor's place?

H.—At your left, facing the altar.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To have an oversight of our work, correct irregularities and aid at initiations.

G. C.—You will conduct him to his place, and the Past Grand Councilor will install him in his office.

H.—By direction of the Grand Councilor I present our Past Councilor for installation.

P. G. C.—Brother (*name*): You have served faithfully as Select Councilor of this Council, and your experience eminently fits you for the positions which you are now to occupy. We cannot well do without your counsel and advice. You will have a watchful eye to the welfare of the Council, jealously guarding its honor and integrity. You will, in the absence of the Select Councilor, perform the duties of his office, and in conjunction with other Past Councilors decide questions of law and usage, subject to an appeal. At the request of the Select Councilor

you will become the installing officer. You will now enter upon the discharge of your duties.

G. C.—The Vice-Councilor's place?

H.—In the west.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To aid and assist you in preserving order.

G. C.—You will present him to the Grand Vice-Councilor for installation.

H.—Grand Vice-Councilor: By direction of our Grand Councilor I present our Vice-Councilor for installation.

G. V. C.—Brother (*name*): You have been elected to the second position of this Council. You are to assist at the opening, initiating and closing services; see that the Guard and Sentinel discharge the duties of their office, and will aid the Select Councilor in the discharge of his duties. The gavel [*hands the gavel*] in your hands is an emblem of your authority; you will use it discreetly. Your regular attendance at our stated meetings is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Select or a Past Councilor you will take the chair and govern the Council. I firmly rely on your attachment to the princi-

ples and teachings of our Order for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. You will now take your place as Vice-Councilor of this Council.

G. C.—The Select Councilor's place?

H.—In the east.

G. C.—His duties there?

H.—To govern and control the movement and action of this Council.

G. C.—You will present him for installation.

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H.—Grand Councilor: Allow me the pleasure of introducing Brother [*name*], who has been elected Select Councilor of this Council, and awaits your further orders.

G. C.—Brother [*name, taking him by the hand*]: I welcome you to the highest position in the gift of this Council. You are its presiding and executive officer. We have full confidence in your skill and capacity to govern the same. I surrender to your keeping the emblems of this Council: *First.* The Holy Bible. This should always be on our altar. It will guide you to all truth; it will direct your paths to the

temple of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man. Consult it daily. *Second.* The Constitution, which you are to search at all times; cause it to be read in the Council, that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements. *Third.* The Charter, which is the authority by which this Council is held. You are carefully to preserve and defend it, and in no case should it be out of your immediate control, but be duly transmitted to your successor. *Fourth.* The Gavel in your hands [*hands the gavel*] is an emblem of your authority; by it you will control the movements of the Council. You will now take your place as Select Councilor of - - - - - - Council No. - -, Royal Templars of Temperance. Brothers and sisters, the officers elected to govern this Council for the ensuing term are now fully invested with their duties. They are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of our Order to avoid exceeding the power with which they have been intrusted, and you are of too generous disposition to envy their preferment. I trust, therefore, that you will aim to please each other, and unite in advancing the cause of Temperance and the interests of this Council. Act together in promoting the principles of Hope, Love, and Truth;

and may the day speedily come when intemperance and its attendant crimes shall be driven from our fair land. Listen to the prayer by our Grand Chaplain:

INSTALLATION PRAYER.

Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy servants here assembled the healthful spirit of Thy Grace, that they may truly please Thee in all their doings. Grant, O Lord, power of mind and great understanding unto those whom we have this day clothed with authority, to preside over and direct the affairs of this Council; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with humility of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to the advancement for all good purposes of our beloved institution. Amen.

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[Resume the regular order of business.]

INSTITUTION OF NEW COUNCILS.

The following rules and regulations are to apply in the institution of new Councils:

1st. There shall be at least fifteen names for Active Members signed to the application for a charter. They must be of unimpeachable character, of high social and moral qualifications, and pass a medical examination by some qualified practicing physician.

2d. The charter having been granted, the officer whose duty it shall be to institute the Council shall call the meeting to order, and state briefly the objects and aim of the organization; after which he shall require all present to answer the preliminary questions, and pay their fees, if they have not already done so. He shall then read the Vice-Councilor's charge, and require them to sign the pledge. He shall then [*after giving any who desire to do so the privilege of withdrawing*] administer the obligation. They will then sign the Constitution, after which he will give them full, clear, and explicit instructions in the unwritten work. He shall then require them to name [*if they have not already done so* their Council; then proceed with the election of officers [*by informal ballot*], explaining the duties of each officer before a ballot is had. After the officers are elected he shall proceed with their installation, after which he shall make the following

DECLARATION.

By the authority of the Supreme Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, I declare - - - - - - - - - Council No. - - - - to be duly and

regularly instituted and empowered to receive and initiate into the Order of Royal Templars of Temperance all persons who are not constitutionally disqualified from becoming members of this Order; and that so long as this Council shall abide by the rules, regulations, laws, and usages of the Supreme Council, they shall be entitled to and receive the hearty support and encouragement of the Supreme Council. Brothers and sisters, act togther in harmony; labor for the upbuilding of the cause of Temperance, and for the education of public sentiment on this great national question. Be not weary in well doing, but labor earnestly for our country's salvation.

I now welcome each one of you to full membership in our noble Order with the true grip of a Royal Templar. [*Gives each one the quarterly token with the grip.*] Let your daily work be a daily sacrament, and life itself a psalm of gratitude and a prayer of aspiration.

After the institution ceremonies are concluded, let one or more of the members personate a candidate and go through the entire initiatory ceremonies for the instruction of the officers.

DEDICATIONS.

[Or Public Meetings.]

Cheerfully, cheerfully, onward we go,
Pledged and determined to banish the foe,
Spreading destruction and woe through the land,
Cheerfully, cheerfully strengthen our band.
Soon shall intemperance depart from our shore;
Soon shall it vanish, returning no more;
Then let us labor the conquest to gain,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, raise we the strain.

Thousands engaged in the conflict before,
Earnestly striving our land to restore;
Greet us with pleasure while passing along,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, swelling the song.
Glorious victors, your shouts we shall hear,
Echoes of triumph enchanting the ear;
Filling with comfort the desolate home,
Cheerfully, cheerfully, onward we come.

BURIAL SERVICE.

The regular badge to be worn at the funeral of a deceased member shall be of the same form and style as that worn at the meetings of the Council, except it shall be made from black ribbon, with the name and number of the Council printed in silver bronze. In the absence of the regular funeral badge members may wear a narrow strip of black crape or black ribbon, tied in a button-hole of the left lapel of the coat; each member to have a sprig of cedar.

The members shall meet at the Council rooms or some designated place, and, after clothing themselves with the funeral regalia, shall form a procession in the following order:

Herald and Deputy with staffs,
Members, in twos.
Senior Past Councilors, in twos,
Sentinel and Guard,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Chaplain and Past Councilor,
Vice-Councilor and Select Councilor,

and proceed to the house of the deceased member, where they shall open rank right and left and take reverse order, standing uncovered while the corpse and mourners are passing to the carriages; the procession shall then march in advance of the carriages to the place of interment. On arriving at the place of interment the members shall again open right and left and allow the corpse, mourners, &c., to pass through, the members on either side, standing uncovered; the procession reversing order and forming around the grave in such a manner as to bring the Select and Vice-Councilors on each side and near the head of the grave.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may desire, and before the closing of the grave, the Select Councilor shall step to the head of the grave with the sprig of cedar in his hand and deliver the following

ADDRESS.

S. C.—My brethren, we are assembled to perform the last rites at the grave of our departed *brother*. Let us contemplate the scene,

and be forcibly reminded that man is born to die. The coffin and sepulchre speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood. Notwithstanding the various mementoes of mortality with which we are daily surrounded; notwithstanding that Death has established his empire over all the works of nature, yet by some strange infatuation we go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly arrested by the approach of death when we least expect him. What are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth or charms of beauty, when Nature has paid her just debt? In the grave all works are levelled and all distinction abolished.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased brother, let charity incline us to throw a veil over his follies, whatever they may have been, and not withhold from his memory that praise which his virtues demand. Let the present occasion excite our most serious thoughts, and create in us resolutions of amendment. Life is held by a precarious tenure; men appear and disappear from the stage of action as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters. Let us then so improve this lesson that, when the summons of Death arrives,

be it soon or late, we may be prepared to depart for that far distant country from whose bourne no traveler returns

[The Chaplain shall then offer the following, or an extempore prayer.]

Chap.—Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, we would implore Thee to draw graciously near to us at this time. May this dispensation of Thy providence deeply impress us with the shortness of life and the certainty of death, and may we be prepared for that great change which awaits us all. Comfort them that mourn; be Thou their shield and protector. Guide our feet into paths of virtue, and finally permit us to enter within the portals of that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

[After the prayer the S. C. shall step to the head of the grave and deposit his sprig of cedar, with these words:]

S. C.—"Farewell, *brother*, we part in hope."

The Select Councilor and Vice-Councilor, each at the head of their respective file, shall then pass on each side of the grave; and as each officer or member reaches the head of the grave they shall deposit their sprig of cedar. They shall then form in a circle around the grave,

and, while it is being filled, shall sing the following, or some appropriate

ODE.

Tho' often here we're weary,
There is sweet rest above,
A rest that is eternal,
Where all is peace and love;
O let us then press forward,
That glorious rest to gain;
We'll soon be free from sorrow,
From toil, and care, and pain.

There is sweet rest in heaven,
There is sweet rest in heaven,
There is sweet rest,
There is sweet rest,
There is sweet rest in heaven.

Our Savior will be with us,
E'en to our journey's end,
In every sore affliction
His present help to lend.
He never will grow weary,
Though often we request;
He'll give us grace to conquer,
And take us home to rest.
There is sweet rest, &c.

[After which they shall form in regular order and return to their hall for dismission.]

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